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North South University (NSU) has been a pioneer among private universities offering environmental education in Bangladesh. Established in 1994 as the Department of Environmental Studies, it took the present name (DESM) in 2004. After an initial split for the undergraduate study program, the department started a graduate program in 2009.

**Degrees Offered**

- MS in Environmental Science and Management
- BS in Environmental Science/Environmental Management

**Major Features of Undergraduate Curriculum**

- Four-year BS study in Environmental Science or Environmental Management
- Interdisciplinary undergraduate program
- Admissions under certain conditions
- 82 credits of core courses which include thesis (optional) writing and internship
- 16 credits of science concentration core courses or management concentration core courses
- 15 credits of science concentration elective courses or management concentration elective courses
- 12 credits of general education courses plus 6 credits of open elective courses

**Dual Degree:** Students can also earn a second major or minor in another discipline, e.g., in Economics or Business Administration, similar to Commerce or MBA student's scope of doing a major or minor in this discipline. Institutions outside Bangladesh may also address to DESM under certain conditions after completion of part of their degree at other universities. Every year some DESM students have the privilege to choose their credits according to reputed universities worldwide.

**Career Prospects**

- Environmental graduates are better suited to pursue higher studies in interdisciplinary field or any other traditional discipline. Highest 70 percent of DESM graduates receive scholarship and financial support every year to go abroad for higher studies in internationally reputed universities all over the world.

**Job Opportunities**

- Graduates with environmental education are employed by national and international organizations such as:
  - Universities
  - Research organizations
  - Ministries and departments of environment, education, agriculture, planning, power, and public works
  - Research organizations
  - Universities consulting firms
  - UN agencies
  - Private sector industries
  - Local and international NGOs
  - Public works, housing and urban development
  - UN agencies
  - Multinational and multilateral agencies
  - International and national NGOs
  - International organizations such as WHO and FAO

**MAs in Environmcnt Science and Management**

- The interdisciplinary graduate program at the Department of Environmental Science and Management, NSU has been focused on building environmental and natural resource governance and management capacity in Bangladesh. The course work is mainly developed by University of Manitoba and NSU.

**MS in Environmental Science and Management**

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- This professional master's program, conducted in the evenings, requires about 18 months to complete 39 credits, which are divided into the following categories: 21 credits of core courses, 9 credits of elective courses, 5 credits of open elective courses.

**Dual Degree:** Instead of doing thesis, the option is to do a semester-wide field study, which includes a number of courses and a final report, each worth 5 credits.

- MS in Environmental Science and Management requires completion of 130 credits (each course is of three credit hours), which are structured as follows:
  - 12 credits of core courses which include thesis (optional) writing and internship
  - 16 credits of science concentration core courses or management concentration core courses
  - 15 credits of science concentration elective courses or management concentration elective courses
  - 12 credits of general education courses plus 6 credits of open elective courses

- Dual Degree: MA/MS students can also earn a second major or minor in another discipline, e.g., in Economics or Business Administration, similar to Commerce or MBA student's scope of doing a major or minor in this discipline. Institutions outside Bangladesh may also address the DESM under certain conditions after completion of part of their degree at other universities. Every year some MA/MS students have the privilege to choose their credits according to reputed universities worldwide.

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**Career Prospects**

- Opportunities for environmental graduates in higher education as well as the private sector are emerging. Students interested in international studies are widening their horizons.

**Job Opportunities**

- Graduates with environmental education are employed by national and international organizations such as:
  - Universities
  - Research organizations
  - Ministries and departments of environment, education, agriculture, planning, power, and public works
  - Research organizations
  - Universities consulting firms
  - UN agencies
  - Private sector industries
  - Local and international NGOs
  - Public works, housing and urban development
  - UN agencies
  - Multinational and multilateral agencies
  - International and national NGOs
  - International organizations such as WHO and FAO

**Environmental education is for green economy and green jobs.**

**Inspiring research and teaching**

- I remember in my first job colleagues' training my employees in a new information -a character train in local NGO- and also my membership of DESM at my career.